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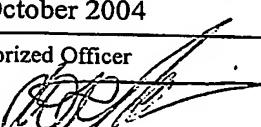
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- I  Basis of the report
- II  Priority
- III  Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- IV  Lack of unity of invention
- V  Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- VI  Certain documents cited
- VII  Certain defects in the international application
- VIII  Certain observations on the international application

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## INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

International application No.

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## I. Basis of the report

## 1. With regard to the elements of the international application:\*

 the international application as originally filed. the description, pages , as originally filed,

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## 3. With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application, the international preliminary examination was carried out on the basis of the sequence listing:

 contained in the international application in written form. filed together with the international application in computer readable form. furnished subsequently to this Authority in written form. furnished subsequently to this Authority in computer readable form. The statement that the subsequently furnished written sequence listing does not go beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed has been furnished. The statement that the information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written sequence listing has been furnished4.  The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of: the description, pages the claims, Nos. the drawings, sheets/fig.5.  This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).\*\*

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## V. Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

## 1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims	YES
	Claims 1 - 8	NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	YES
	Claims 1 - 8	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims 1 - 8	YES
	Claims	NO

## 2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)

Reference is made to the following two prior art document cited in the corresponding ISR:

D1: WO 99/05998 A1 (TELEX COMMUNICATIONS, INC.), 11 February 1999

D2: US 5815582 A (CLAYBAUGH ET AL), 29 September 1998

NOVELTY (N): Claims 1 - 8

The invention defined in claims 1 - 8 of the present application is primarily directed at a noise cancellation system for a headphone having a headphone including a sound transducer and a headphone speaker; and noise cancellation circuitry remote from the headphone. The invention defined is characterised in that a filter is provided to normalise the output from the sound transducer of the headphone to the noise cancellation circuitry.

Both prior art documents D1 and D2 disclose all the features defined in claims 1 - 8. For D1, see in particular: Abstract; Page 3, line 19 - page 4, line 9; Page 5, lines 8 - 27; Fig 3; all claims. And for D2, see in particular: Abstract; Column 2, line 56 - column 3, line 26; Fig 2; all claims. Therefore, the invention defined in claims 1 - 8 of the present application is not novel when compared the disclosure of prior art documents D1 and D2.

INVENTIVE STEP (IS): Claims 1 - 8

As above. Therefore, the invention defined in claims 1 - 8 of the present application lacks an inventive step when compared the disclosure of prior art documents D1 and D2.